

BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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In the matter of:

WORLDWIDE FOREX, INC. Steven Labell, Registered Agent 700 North Hiatus Road, Suite 203 Pembroke Pines, Florida 33026

UNIVERSAL FX, INCORPORATED Darren C. Blum, P.A., Registered Agent 8751 West Broward Boulevard Plantation, Florida 33324

DAVID BRIDGES c/o WORLDWIDE FOREX 700 North Hiatus Road, Suite 203 Pembroke Pines, Florida 33026

Respondents.

Docket No. S-03541A-03-0000

Decision No. 68095

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST AND ORDER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES AND CONSENT TO SAME BY: RESPONDENT UNIVERSAL FX, INCORPORATED

RESPONDENT UNIVERSAL FX, INCORPORATED ("UFX") elects to permanently waive its right to a hearing and appeal under Articles 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of Arizona, A.R.S. § 44-1801, et seq. ("Securities Act") with respect to this Order To Cease And Desist and Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent to Same by: Respondent Universal FX, Incorporated ("Order"). UFX admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"); neither admits nor denies the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order; and consents to the entry of this Order by the Commission.

I.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent WORLDWIDE FOREX, INC. is a Florida corporation whose business address is 700 North Hiatus Road, Suite 203, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33026. WORLDWIDE is not registered as a futures merchant with the National Futures Association ("NFA"), the approved self-regulatory entity for traders in commodities. WORLDWIDE is not authorized to conduct business in Arizona as a foreign corporation, and WORLDWIDE is not registered with the Division as a securities dealer or salesperson.
- 2. Respondent UFX is a Florida corporation whose business address is 3467 N.E. 163rd Street, North Miami Beach, Florida 33160. The address of its registered agent for service of process is Darren C. Blum, P.A., 8751 West Broward Boulevard, Plantation, Florida 33324. UFX is not authorized to conduct business in Arizona as a foreign corporation, and UFX is not registered with the Division as a securities dealer or salesperson.
- 3. Respondent DAVID BRIDGES ("Bridges") is an individual and was an employee and/or agent of WORLDWIDE at all relevant times. BRIDGES is not registered as a futures merchant with the NFA. BRIDGES is not registered with the Division as a securities dealer or salesperson.
- 4. On or about July 2, 2003, BRIDGES, acting for and on behalf of WORLDWIDE and UFX, contacted an employee of the Division, a resident of Arizona, and offered to sell to that individual an investment in foreign currency investment contracts.
- 5. On or about July 2, 2003, BRIDGES sent via facsimile to this Division employee various documents purportedly necessary to enable the Division employee to open an account for investment in foreign currency trading through WORLDWIDE and UFX.
- 6. BRIDGES represented WORLDWIDE as the "introducing broker" for the transaction(s) offered, despite the fact that WORLDWIDE is not registered to sell securities within or from Arizona, nor is it registered with the NFA as a commodities merchant.

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II.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and the Securities Act.
- 2. UFX offered or sold securities within or from Arizona, within the meaning of A.R.S. §§ 44-1801(15), 44-1801(21), and 44-1801(26).
- 3. UFX violated A.R.S. § 44-1841 by offering or selling securities that were neither registered nor exempt from registration.
- 4. UFX violated A.R.S. § 44-1842 by offering or selling securities while neither registered as a dealer or salesman nor exempt from registration.
- 5. UFX's conduct is grounds for a cease and desist order pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032.
 - 6. UFX's conduct is grounds for administrative penalties under A.R.S. § 44-2036.

III.

ORDER

THEREFORE, on the basis of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and UFX's consent to the entry of this Order, attached and incorporated by reference, the Commission finds that the following relief is appropriate, in the public interest, and necessary for the protection of investors:

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032, that UFX, and any of UFX's agents, employees, successors and assigns, permanently cease and desist from violating the Securities Act. UFX shall not sell any securities in or from Arizona without being registered in Arizona as a dealer or salesman, or exempt from such registration. UFX shall not sell securities in or from Arizona unless the securities are registered in Arizona or exempt from registration.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that UFX comply with the attached Consent to Entry of Order.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2036, that UFX shall pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$5000. Payment shall be made in full by cashier's check or money order on the date of this Order, payable to the "State of Arizona." Such penalty shall be joint and several with any administrative penalty ordered against any other Respondent in this matter.

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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if UFX fails to comply with this order, the Commission may bring further legal proceedings against UFX, including application to the superior court for an 2 3 order of contempt. 4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become effective immediately. 5 BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 6 Hotel- Mille 7 8 9 10 COMMISSIONER 11 12 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation 13 Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Commission to be affixed at the 14 Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 25th day of 15 **-**____, 2005. 16 17 Executive Director 18 19 DISSENT 20 21 22 DISSENT 23 This document is available in alternative formats by contacting Linda Hogan, Executive Assistant 24 to the Executive Director, voice phone number 602-542-3931, E-mail lhogan@azcc.gov. 25 (md) 26

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

- 1. RESPONDENT UNIVERSAL FX, INCORPORATED ("UFX") admits the jurisdiction of the Commission over the subject matter of this proceeding. UFX acknowledges that it has been fully advised of its right to a hearing to present evidence and call witnesses and UFX knowingly and voluntarily waives any and all rights to a hearing before the Commission and all other rights otherwise available under Article 11 of the Securities Act and Title 14 of the Arizona Administrative Code. UFX acknowledges that this Order To Cease And Desist and Order for Administrative Penalties and Consent to Same by: Respondent Universal FX, Incorporated ("Order") constitutes a valid final order of the Commission.
- 2. UFX knowingly and voluntarily waives any right it may have under Article 12 of the Securities Act to judicial review by any court by way of suit, appeal, or extraordinary relief resulting from the entry of this Order.
- 3. UFX acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.
- 4. UFX acknowledges that it has been represented by counsel in this matter, it has reviewed this Order with its attorney and understands all terms it contains.
- 5. UFX neither admits nor denies the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order.
- 6. UFX specifically avers that it has made no sales of the securities that are the subject of this action within or from Arizona.
- 7. By consenting to the entry of this Order, UFX agrees not to take any action or to make, or permit to be made, any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any Finding of Fact or Conclusion of Law in this Order or to create the impression that this Order is without factual basis. UFX will undertake steps necessary to assure that all of its agents and employees understand and comply with this agreement.
 - 8. While this Order settles this administrative matter between UFX and the

Commission, UFX understands that this Order does not preclude the Commission from instituting other administrative proceedings based on violations that are not addressed by this Order.

- 9. UFX understands that this Order does not preclude the Commission from referring this matter to any governmental agency for administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings that may be related to the matters addressed by this Order.
- 10. UFX understands that this Order does not preclude any other agency or officer of the state of Arizona or its subdivisions from instituting administrative, civil or criminal proceedings that may be related to matters addressed by this Order.
- 11. UFX agrees that it will not apply to the state of Arizona for registration as a securities dealer or salesman or for licensure as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative until such time as all penalties under this Order are paid in full.
- 12. UFX agrees that it will not exercise any control over any entity that offers or sells securities or provides investment advisory services, within or from Arizona.
- 13. UFX acknowledges and understands that if it fails to comply with the provisions of the order and this consent, the Commission may bring further legal proceedings against it, including application to the superior court for an order of contempt.
- 14. UFX understands that default shall render it liable to the Commission for its costs of collection and interest at the maximum legal rate.
- 15. UFX agrees that it will continue to cooperate with the Securities Division including, but not limited to, providing complete and accurate testimony at any hearing in this matter and cooperating with the state of Arizona in any related investigation or any other matters arising from the activities described in this Order.

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16. UFX consents to the entry of this Order and agrees to be fully bound by its terms and conditions. If UFX breaches any provision of this Order, the Commission may vacate this Order and restore this case to its active docket.

UNIVERSAL FX, INCORPORATED

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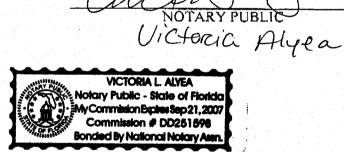
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE me this

day of August, 2005.

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